

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error as it is R of AlR_3 that is being defined. In addition, claim 17 has been amended as requested by the Examiner and to correct typographical errors. Claim 37 has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error. Applicants would also like to note that the word "butoxide" was misspelled on page 16, line 17 and page 17, line 7 of the reply filed July 31, 2007.

In the above Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph. As a result of the amendments made to this claim, it is believed the rejection is now moot.

In addition, claims 29, 32, 34-36 and 38-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) for being anticipated by Dixon. The indicated allowance of claims 1-16 and 18-28 and the allowability of the subject matter of dependent claims 33 and 37 is appreciated.

According to the Examiner, the trimerization catalyst of Examples 3 and 4 of Dixon comprises $\text{CrCl}_3[\text{bis}(\text{HN})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}(\text{Ph})_2)_2]$ and aluminoxane, wherein group $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{HNCH}_2\text{CH}_2-$ is equivalent to the bridge "B" of claim 29.

To avoid this, claim 29 has now been amended to limit the linking group B to exclude linking group members anticipated by Dixon (namely, heterohydrocarbylene groups and substituted heterohydrocarbylene groups) as well as members already covered as hydrocarbylene groups. Support for the amendments to claim 29 can be found in claim 32 which has been cancelled. As a result, a conforming amendment has also been made to claim 33.

It is respectfully submitted that by limiting the linking group B to exclude those linking group members disclosed by Dixon, that claim 29 and claims 34-36 and 38-45 dependent thereon are no longer anticipated by Dixon. Its withdrawal as a ground of rejection of these claims under §102(e) is therefore requested.

In view of the amendments to claim 29, it is believed it is not necessary to rewrite claims 33 and 37 in independent form since they depend from claim 29.

It is believed claims 1-29 and 33-45 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that this claimed invention, as amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicants therefore request the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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